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## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

### THE SHAME OF SAN FRANCISCO

The attempted assassination of Francis J. Heney, assistant district attorney of San Francisco, in Judge Lawlor's court while Heney was conducting the trial of Abraham Ruef, the former San Francisco political boss, shows to what length public criminals will go when finally cornered by the law and in danger of wearing felon's stripes. That cowardly attempt will do more to send Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, Eugene Schmitz, former mayor under the Ruef regime, Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railways, and wholesale briber, Tiley L. Ford, his legal go-between, Louis Glass, president of the Pacific States Telephone company, and many other men powerful in the political and business life of San Francisco, to the prison cells than months of prosecution. It is the fulminating spark which will arouse all decent people of San Francisco to the fighting pitch for public decency.

The graft prosecution has been going on in San Francisco for two years—almost ever since the catastrophe of fire and earthquake of April 18, 1906. During the heroic struggles of a people, who had suffered one of the most awful setbacks in the history of the world, to rebuild their city and maintain its prestige as the queen of the Pacific coast, the first news that Abe Ruef, boss, and Gene Schmitz, mayor, by the help of their corrupt board of supervisors, were mulcting the city of hundreds of thousands of dollars by the sale of public franchises worth millions, and putting the proceeds of the same in their own pockets after hushing their supervisor board with a few paltry dollars each; that Ruef and Schmitz, through a rotten police department, were daily lining their pockets with blood money wrung from the women of the tenderloin; that the same men were licensing gambling, assignations, seduction, robbery and murder by giving those resorts—high and low—which "came through" immunity from prosecution, at first created a wave of indignation which threatened a revival of the old vigilantes of the early '50s. Pity 'tis that such a revival did not materialize and the city cleaned out then and there. In the ranks of the "machine" there was consternation. The prostitutes, the saloon men, and others who had paid the blood tax to the point where it had become almost confiscation, were glad—but they dared not testify. Long trials came and juries disagreed; even the courts failed to uphold the evidence adduced. Witness one of the appellate courts of the state, after Abe Ruef had confessed his guilt of extortion, of bribery and of perjury, handing down a decision to the effect that "Ruef is guiltless." So thoroughly had the habit of graft and of submission to the higher ups permeated not only San Francisco, but all of California, that it was impossible to get a jury above suspicion, or which contained twelve honest men. Some of the superior judges of San Francisco are honest—witness Dunne and Lawlor. And did twelve honest men sit on a jury in the court of one of these honest judges, their verdict was appealed to a higher, Southern Pacific appointed court, and back comes the ruling: "Innocent, no matter if he has confessed his guilt." It has been the greatest mockery of justice the United States has ever seen.

No wonder the people of San Francisco, under the insidious leadings of a press subsidized by the higher-ups began to lose faith in Langdon, Heney, Spreckles and Burns, the front of the prosecution. They could not secure convictions—perhaps, after all, Ruef, Schmitz and these captains of the city's industries are being oppressed for some hidden and far-reaching selfish motive. Such had come to be the reasoning of the people of San Francisco, and who could blame them? They had been accustomed for so many years to let the Southern Pacific kindly handle their affairs of government for them that they were incapable of stepping in and learning why so much smoke and unsavory smell. Besides, was not the Southern Pacific assuring them that all was well?

Back of a great good nature and an inclination to follow the path of least resistance the Californian hides a spirit which, once aroused, is as wild as that of the old Berserkers and as tenacious as a bull dog. And the crack of that ex-convict's pistol in Judge Lawlor's court room Friday afternoon will arouse that fighting spirit until California sees that either her courts, or Judge Lynch sends her public vampires to—hell.

God grant that Francis J. Heney be spared to finish his work!

### FIGHTS AT THE CASINO FRIDAY

The fight fans of Tonopah were treated to two scraps last evening at the Big Casino. The first was a six-round go between Spider Welch and Young Joe Gans. The rounds were full of picturesque fighting and the wonderful foot work of Spider saved him from injury time after time. The affair was called a draw.

The second fight was between Sid Humphreys and Howard Troutman. In this the audience was treated to the genuine article and in every round a great number of vicious blows were exchanged. At the end of the fourth round both men were nearly all in, with Troutman having the best of it. At the end of the fifth Humphreys again was nearly all in and was unable to stop the blows of the colored lad. At this point Troutman was given the decision.

### SID HUMPHREYS SAYS

HE GOT A RAW DEAL  
Relative to the fight at the Casino Friday night, Sid Humphreys, who lost the decision to Howard Troutman, requests us to state: "I got a raw deal when the fight was stopped in the fifth, as I was merely 'stalling' to let the negro wear himself out, and was going to sail in in the sixth and finish him. I want a chance to fight him again, anytime or place, winner take all, and will guarantee that I will be the winner."

### BUSINESS FIRM BRANCHING OUT

The Southern Nevada Mercantile company has purchased the fruit and vegetable department of the Tonopah and Goldfield Meat company and will conduct that branch of the business in the future as it has been conducted in the past—that is, in a first-class manner. The Southern Nevada Mercantile is reaching out after the business of the people in this entire district and the manner in which it is conducting its store certainly warrants it in securing the trade. If you want real bargains consult the ad in this morning's issue before buying elsewhere.

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## Terminal Rate Hearing Soon

RENO, Nov. 13.—The Nevada railroad commission is now energetically digging into the railroad rate case soon to be tried before a commissioner of the interstate commerce commission and is confident of winning the case, as are the members of the Reno Commercial club. On last Monday the Gazette published an article written from Washington by Ernest G. Walker, the special correspondent of the Sacramento Bee, in which Mr. Walker stated that the case would probably be heard before Commissioner Franklin K. Lane, instead of before Commissioner Cockrell, to whom the hearing had been assigned.

The Gazette man appeared before Commissioner Shaughnessy and asked this question:

"Did Judge Bartine agree to postpone the Reno rate case until after a decision was rendered by Judge Farrington?"

Mr. Shaughnessy replied: "Judge Bartine made no agreement upon that point. His suggestion was that the hearing be set for some time near the holidays, and his reason was that it would take that long properly to assemble the proofs for the presentation of the case in a satisfactory manner. But the constitutionality of the entire railroad commission law, including the appointment of the commissioners, is involved in the cases now before Judge Farrington, and the point is raised in the answer in the Reno case. Judge Bartine had been credibly informed that Judge Farrington would hand down his decision before the date named. So that in suggesting such date, Judge Bartine had the double object in view of having ample time for preparation, and a decision upon the legal status of the commission before the hearing took place.

"Clearly the commission should have all the time necessary for a thorough preparation in a case of such moment, and it is equally clear that it will be highly advantageous to have the legal status of the commission definitely fixed before the hearing takes place. Still there has been no idea of any postponement for more than a reasonable time on the latter account."

The Gazette man then asked: "Do you think Franklin K. Lane is better fitted to conduct the hear-

ing than Senator Cockrell?"

"In regard to this," Mr. Shaughnessy said, "there is very little merit in the statement that Franklin K. Lane is better fitted to take the testimony than is Senator Cockrell because of a familiarity of railroad conditions on the Pacific coast. The same general principles are involved in the Spokane case which is, and has been for several months, before the interstate commerce commission for decision. Therefore any one commissioner of the seven is, or should be, as well qualified as another to take the testimony in the Reno case.

"Regardless of where the interstate commerce commission decides to hold the hearing or who they have conduct it, the Reno merchants, represented by the railroad commission of Nevada will go before the interstate commerce commission with the strongest case that has yet been made in the western inter-mountain country."

"How about Arizona, Idaho, eastern Washington and Oregon, regarding the application of terminal rates plus the local rate back?"

"All of those states pay a rate higher than the Pacific coast terminal, but are favored at some point within their borders with an intermediate rate, which enables them to distribute goods on an equal footing with the goods from the Pacific coast terminals or other states. Nevada enjoys the distinction of being the only state in the union which has no distribution point within her borders and is therefore entirely dependent in this respect on other states.

"State pride, as well as a square deal, demands that every citizen in Nevada and also in northeastern California—which is as badly isolated as Nevada—stand behind the railroad commission in securing a terminal point for the state. An adjustment of the rate situation means cheaper cost of living all along the line, a more rapid development in our mining and agricultural industries and a large increase in population."

### TRAFFIC OPENED MONDAY ON WESTERN PACIFIC

Traffic over the Utah division of the Western Pacific railroad was formally opened Monday last, when a mixed train, consisting of two passenger coaches, a baggage car, and several cars of miscellaneous merchandise, left the Denver and Rio Grande station in Salt Lake for its first trip over the new Gould road, which is to be extended to the coast. The train was run as far as Shafter, Nevada. The service will be tri-weekly only until construction work on the railroad west of Shafter is further advanced.

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